

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

TWO REMARKABLE CAVES.

At Bethlehem, 12 miles from Albany, are two remarkable caves. The entrance of the first is narrow, but becomes wider at the bottom, at 100 feet below the entrance. At a considerable distance is a narrow passage of 40 feet in length and three in height. Beyond, at half the distance of the narrow passage, is a pond of pure water, at the end of the cavern. The other cave, distant one-quarter of a mile, has a narrow entrance and steep, with passages which all terminate in a space of 20 feet wide. Through it passes a stream of water and the whole is about a quarter of a mile in length. The bones of animals were found in these places, which are yet open for the curious.—Aurora.

BONAPARTES EFFECTS.

Previous to Bonaparte's departure from Rochfort, he applied to the Provisional government for permission to carry with him 2,500 volumes of the Trianon library, together with a copy of the "Grand Description of Egypt," and of the "Grecian Iconography" of Mr. Vissconti. His effects were transported in six wagons, two of which were said to be loaded with gold and silver.

INDIANS ARE HUMBLER.

The Indians at Detroit appear to be much humbled and disappointed in the termination of the war, having been led to believe by the British that they should repossess the country between the state of Ohio and the Great Lakes. Having abandoned the cultivation of corn, and their hunting, they were in great want; and great numbers of them draw rations at Malden and Detroit.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

WHO OWNS ALL THE CARTS?

A countryman, standing at Wall and Water streets yesterday, was intent on counting the number and reading the lettering on the papers of carts loaded with coal, then passing along. While nodding his head, he kept repeating "Thompson & Company—Thompson & Company"—and then starting on he exclaimed, "Pease, to me all the coal in this town is carted by Thompson & Company."

True, indeed, they cart a big pile of coal, day after day, and week after week—and in addition to this, a quantity of wood, lime, cement, fertilizing material for farmers, etc. They are business men who keep the public informed through the papers of what they have to sell, and the public keep their carts constantly moving.

A QUEER GRIST MILL.

A horse and calf belonging to Mr. Conlon, probably animated by a restless, roving, night-seeing inclination, started to swim across Cook's mill pond from the West Stratford side this morning. After proceeding a short distance into the stream, the animals, either drawn by the force of the current, or a healthy smell of meal in the old "Yellow Mill," drifted under the building and were close to the waterwheel when the miller fortunately discovered them and shut off the power. After considerable trouble the adventurous "critters" were landed again on Stratford's sabbatious soil, none the worse for wear.

GREAT RAIL SHOOTING.

A couple of occasional sportsmen of this city, went to Cronoke yesterday to try their luck at shooting. At the end of the "campaign" one of them counted out 123 of the birds, which he had killed, and the other 84, total 222. His beats Hickcomb and Buck all to pieces, and is said to be the greatest number any two persons have shot in 25 years. So says the "oldest inhabitant."

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NOTES.

An alarm of fire was sent in from Pine street last evening, where a fire was raging in a clothes closet in Paul Weinberger's tenement at 42 Pine street. The flames were confined to the closet and the damages are estimated at \$20. The home belongs to Mrs. Michael McCarthy. The flames were extinguished by Mr. Weinberger.

The chimney in Captain Long's house at 88 East Main street, caught fire Saturday afternoon and was extinguished by chemicals. Hose Co. No. 2 responded to a still alarm.

EMERGENCY CASES.

Matthew Monahan of Asylum street, while hitching a horse this morning, had his toe crushed by the animal stepping on it.

Charles Martine of 53 Willard street, had his left hand crushed this morning by a stone falling on it while he was working on a sewer on Goddard avenue.

THAT SAME HORSE AGAIN.

A horse owned by W. W. Walker & Sons indulged in a wild runaway this forenoon at 10, through Main street, from Congress to Wall street, where it was caught. In its course the runaway horse wrecked the wagon to which it was attached, and in front of Bishop's block upset a buggy with which it collided. The same horse has indulged in numerous runaways previously. The horse attached to the buggy was prevented from running away by a bystander.

POLICEMEN ARE ILL.

Policeman George Fox was taken ill while patrolling his beat last evening and had to be relieved. Special Keenan was also compelled to quit duty at 3 o'clock this morning on account of sickness, he being troubled with malaria.

STRUCK BY A LOCOMOTIVE.

George Fisher of New York, a cigar maker, who came to Bridgeport last evening looking for work, was struck by a locomotive of an east bound

freight train at 8:30 this morning in the railroad yard back of David Trubee's store, and escaped death by a miracle. An ugly gash in his forehead and a bruised and cut heel are all the known injuries.

Fisher's injuries were dressed at the Emergency hospital after which he was taken to the home of Charles Slane of 7 High street, a friend with whom he had intended to live with after getting "shopped" here. He was to start working in Trubee's cigar shop this morning.

VICTORS SHOULD HAVE WON.

At Newark yesterday the Newark defeated themselves in their contest with the Ironsides. Stewart pitched a fine game, allowing the "Brewers" only nine scattering hits. He was finely supported by O'Rourke, who gave one of the finest exhibitions of all around playing ever seen in that city. In five times at the bat the ex-player had two singles, a double and a triple. Ivers also played a corking good game, getting two singles and a double and playing well in the field. The game was lost by inept playing on the part of Terry Rogers, Jack Doherty and Patsy Cunningham, each making two raw errors.

Dooley of the St. Patrick's, covered third for the Victors and played a fine game at the ditty corner. The Victors made 14 hits to Newark's 9, yet the latter won 6 to 5.

Lush will probably finish the season with the Victors now that the Eastern League season has been concluded. His sore finger is healing rapidly.

President Freeman of the New York Giants expressed himself last week as being favorably impressed with the playing of Second Baseman McDonald of the Springfield, and it would not be at all surprising if this star player wore a New York uniform next season. He is a Bridgeport boy and very popular here.

AT THE EMERGENCY.

Joe Dargo of 83 Willard street injured his head yesterday by falling from a train at the railroad station yesterday.

Stephen Delaney, a resident of the "Goosefoot" district, had a three-inch scalp wound dressed. He explained that he fell from a freight train.

Michael Lennon of 567 Water street was struck on the head Saturday night by a stone from an unknown source. His scalp was wounded.

Peter Brannigan of the Athletic club sustained injuries by being thrown from his wheel at Seaside park yesterday.

GOING UP?

George N. Sears, who has been running the elevator in the Sanford building, has entered the office of the Armstrong Manufacturing Co. as a stenographer.

BUILDING NOTES

Fifteen building permits the total estimated cost of the buildings to be \$26,240 were granted by the building commissioners last night. The permits were:

One story concrete block building for stores, east side of Hallett street, for Karl Nimity and wife.

Two family frame dwelling, north side of Capitol avenue, for J. S. Corbett.

Brick garage, private north side of Boston avenue, for Remington-U. M. Co.

One family frame dwelling, north side of Loraine street for John MacLueckie.

Two story five room frame dwelling north side of Pennsylvania avenue, for Joseph P. Puddi.

Two family dwelling, south side of Charron street for Cingina CoCazza.

Private frame garage, northwest side of Pequonock street for Stanley J. Greenwood.

Frame shed at 434 East Main street for E. E. Burt.

One story frame store and dwelling on North side of Barnum avenue and Grand street for Frank Povondra.

Two family frame dwelling north side of Ford place for George H. Zink, Jr.

Cellar wall to move house, north side of Shelton street for Acme Shear Co.

Store front, south side of Pine St., for Joseph and Mary Lontzer.

One story brick addition for two stores, north side of Barnum avenue for Herman and son.

Private frame garage west side of Genoa avenue for M. A. Wheeler.

Signal Seen; 5,000 Rescued.

Paris, Sept. 22.—Pursued by the Turks about 5,000 Armenians, of whom nearly 3,000 were women, children and aged men, took refuge late in July in the mountain height of Djebel Moussa, to the north of the Bay of Antioch, where they succeeded in holding off their assailants. But at the moment when their provisions and munitions commenced to fail them and they were inevitably about to succumb they were able to signal a French warship.

The cruisers of the French squadron blockading the coast of Syria went to their aid and succeeded in effecting the escape of the 5,000 Armenians, who were transported to Port Said, where they received a great welcome and were installed in provisional camps.

German Aid for War Wives.

Berlin, Sept. 22.—The Crown Princess Cecilie, on the occasion of her birthday yesterday, issued the following appeal:

"After having basked in the sunshine of God's graces through the birth of my daughter, I heartily wish to assist women without means who have borne children during the war and whose husbands are in the army."

"Therefore, I appeal to all German women who also have been blessed with war children and whose means are sufficient to join me in this work of neighborly love."

The German Crown Princess gave birth to a daughter on April 8 last.

FORMER SENATOR FORAKER TOO WEAK FOR OPERATION



Joseph Benson Foraker, former United States Senator, is at Christ hospital, in Cincinnati, in a serious condition from an internal malady. It has been decided that an operation is necessary to save his life, but on account of his weakened condition he will not be placed under the knife for some time. According to the surgeons Senator Foraker has been greatly worn by overwork, and he cannot hope for a complete recovery without the operation. He has been devoting himself recently to his heavy law practice despite his years.

HIGH SCHOOL SESSIONS AT Y. M. C. A. BEGIN

The high school section of the Y. M. C. A. was formally opened last night with about 50 members present. One room devoted especially to the use of the high school boys has been handsomely furnished at their own expense. The program of work for the Y. M. C. A. year just beginning is filled with interesting events and the prospect for many additional members is promising.

WESTERN FREIGHT RATE CASE

One of the most important of recent events in the railroad world is the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the Western Freight Rate Case. Only a small part of the rate advances applied for were granted. The point of greatest significance in this connection, however, was not the failure of the railroads to receive the financial assistance requested, but the reasons which led the commission to come to an unfavorable conclusion. Apparently, a majority of the commission thought that the revenues of the Western railroads would be adequate if the financial management of a number of these roads had been proper. Commissioner Daniels throws a great light upon this phase of the matter in his dissenting opinion. He says that the unfavorable decision of the commission was attributable to the belief "that the financial exigencies of many of the carriers are undoubtedly due to financial practices which have characterized the history of the Frisco, Rock Island, Alton and other railroads. Commissioner Daniels states further that it has come to pass that a 'widspread and existing' lack of the general integrity of railroad management."

Under these conditions, it is not a matter of surprise that the Interstate Commerce Commission refuses to sanction rate advances. There can be no assurance that the proceeds of rate increases would be devoted to the purposes for which they are said to be required. Additional revenues may be used as a basis for further unwarranted security issues. It has been the dissipation of resources, financial mismanagement and overcapitalization which have brought the railroads to their present financial condition. It has not been due to higher wages to employees, or a lowering in freight rates.

Legislation is needed authorizing the Interstate Commerce Commission to pass upon railroad security issues and reorganizations. A railroad should not be permitted to float stocks and bonds unless the proceeds from their sale are actually invested in the property. Until legislation of this kind is passed, the Interstate Commerce Commission cannot decide whether railroad revenues are adequate or inadequate; the investor can have no security in purchasing railroad stocks and bonds and the railroad employee cannot hope to receive fair and reasonable increases in compensation.

Mrs. Jennie L. Pardee, sister of Sheridan Ladd, the late electrician of the police department, was confirmed yesterday as the administratrix of his estate.

The civic department of the Chamber of Commerce will extend their campaign for a better city by enclosing literature in the packages sent out from laundries.

Forty thousand bales of cotton valued at \$2,000,000 were exported from Galveston, Tex., to Europe on Monday.

SPECIAL SALE OF FURNITURE JOHN RECK & SON.

THE WEDDING RING

When the knot is tied you'll want the wedding ring in both quality and shape.

The Wedding Ring you get here will be absolutely correct in every way and the price will be moderate.

Wedding Rings in every weight and width: 14k and 18k solid gold, seamless, and any size.

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The Reliable Jeweler.

48 FAIRFIELD AVENUE

Near Middle Street.

UNLICENSED DENTISTS ACTING AS PROMOTERS DO BETTER THAN DO LICENSED PRACTITIONERS

Story of "Dr." Jones' Sale of Main Street Parlors For \$20,000 Brings To Light Practice of Other Persons Following His Procedure.

That Dr. J. Nelson Sherwood, a young New York dentist, whose license to practice made him a desirable adjunct to the dental parlors occupied by A. G. Jones at 255 Main street, signed an agreement to pay Jones \$20,000 and to assume all unpaid obligations of the place, for the business and fixtures there, became known today.

Sherwood and Jones recently took their differences to court, but an amicable adjustment of their differences was effected, and Sherwood now is practicing dentistry over the Casar Mich store, Main and Golden Hill streets.

In the controversy which included injunctions and counter injunctions in the superior court, Dr. Sherwood disclosed the transactions that led up to his nominal title to the office, which it is believed is the method now generally adopted throughout the state by unlicensed dentists to control their former practice and patients.

Dr. Sherwood, who had been practicing in New York state and desired to come to Connecticut where he had a business was flourishing, and upon the state board examinations at Hartford, Dr. Jones is alleged to have at once upon learning of his successful passage, proposed a partnership to open a business in Hartford.

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With the opening of the office at 255 Main street in the Sturtevant building, Dr. Sherwood, his story goes, was induced to take charge of it upon a salary basis. At the expiration of a week's time a proposition was made to sell it to Dr. Sherwood upon a conditional bill of sale, payments to be made at the rate of \$50 per week.

There were many verbal disputes between Jones and Dr. Sherwood in which the latter claimed Jones was making an effort to control the practice while not being nominally the owner. These arguments culminated in the destruction of a portion of the business ledger and the claim that a payment of \$50 had been made to Jones for which he had refused a receipt. The matter went to court and the ultimate result that both parties signed waivers of their claims.

That a lucrative business is being waged throughout the state by professional dental-parlor promoters themselves, are unable to practice openly is asserted openly among dentists of this city who show that upon conditional bills of sale large initial payments may be secured and upon the failure to make one secondary payment upon large contract prices the business and all former payments revert to the promoter who may then resell the business upon similar terms.

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FRENCH BATTLESHIPS RESCUE ARMENIANS.

Paris, Sept. 22.—The rescue by French warships of a large band of Armenians from pursuing Turks is recounted in a statement issued last night by the ministry of marine.

Pursued by Turks, the statement says, "five thousand Armenians, three thousand of whom were women, children and old men, took refuge in the Djebelmoussa mountains in the end of July. They succeeded in keeping their assailants at bay until the beginning of September. Ammunition and provisions then gave out and they would inevitably have succumbed had they not succeeded in getting word of their grave situation to a French cruiser. Immediately cruisers of the French blockading squadron off the Syrian coast went to their help and took all of them to Port Said where they were installed in a camp."

DOG THAT BIT GIRL IS PUT TO DEATH

A big St. Bernard dog which bit Mabel Wemer, a pupil in Lincoln school, was put to death yesterday by Dog Warden Hall and Dog and Liquor Agent Browne. The animal was owned by Mrs. Teresine Blafore, 1314 Stratford avenue. The dog's head was sent to the state laboratory at Middletown for examination.

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On Sale Thursday

Smoked Shoulders 12c per lb.
Corned Spare Ribs 10c per lb.
Extra Creamery Tub Butter 28c per lb.

BAKERY BULLETIN.

Lemon Buns 12c per Doz.
Silver Slice Cake 9c per Cut
Home Made Bread, and Rolls fresh made every morning and afternoon. A lot of new things in our bakery.

GROCERY SPECIALS.

Jordan Almonds (Giants) 75c per lb.
Medium 60c per lb.
Pecan Meats Halves 65c per lb.
Parowax for sealing cans 10c pkg.
Walnut Meats Halves 40c per lb.
Pieces 35c per lb.
Mixed Nuts 10c per lb.
Whole